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E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJECTC SWISS RECOGNITION OF GKR

1. SWISS AMBASSADOR TO BANGKOK CALLED TODAY FOR BACKGROUND BRIEFING ON SITUATION IN CAMBODIA. HE HAS SOUGHT SUCH ASSISTANCE IN THE PAST BUT THIS TIME HE INFORMED US, IN STRICT CONFIDENCE, THAT HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO OBTAIN BEST AVAILABLE ASSESSMENT FROM BANGKOK VANTAGE POINT.

2. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT HIS COLLEAGUE IN JAKARTA ACCREDITED TO CAMBODIA HAS JUST ARRIVED AT HIS POST AND THE SWISS GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING WHETHER OR NOT HE SHOULD PRESENT HIS LETTERS OF ACCREDITATION TO THE LON NOL GOVERNMENT OR DELAY A VISIT TO PHNOM PENH AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS.

3. WE GAVE THE SWISS AN EXTENSIVE BRIEFING ON RECENT MILITARY AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN CAMBODIA STRESSING SUCH FACTORS AS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET, THE RETURN OF REFUGEES TO GKR CONTROL AT KOMPONG THOM, THE
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HATRED OF THE KC BY VICTIMS OF INDISCRIMINATE SHELLING

OF PHNOM PENH, THE CONTROL OF THE CAPITAL CITY AND MOST OF THE POPULATION AND FERTILE CROP AREAS BY THE GKR, AND THE CONSTANCY OF US MATERIEL SUPPORT. WE ALSO RECALLED FOREIGN MINISTER KEUKY LIM'S RECENT TOUR THROUGH BANGKOK DURING WHICH HE REMINDED THE THAI OF THE GKR'S OFFERS TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE OTHER SIDE. WE TOLD THE SWISS THAT POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BE THE FUTURE SOLUTION, BUT IN THE MEANTIME, RESPONSIBLE COUNTRIES SHOULD FOLLOW THE LEAD OF CAMBODIA'S NEIGHBORS IN CONTINUING FULL DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT FOR THE GKR.

4. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO FIND EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THE SWISS AN UPBEAT VIEW OF GKR VIABILITY IN JAKARTA, SAIGON, BERN, AND NEW YORK. IN DOING SO, PLEASE PROTECT SWISS AMBASSADOR BANGKOK AS SOURCE OF INFORMATION REGARDING SWISS GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF CAMBODIAN ACCREDITATION. KINTNER

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